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In re Application of	:	
Ranjan BHADRA et al.	:	
Serial No.: 09/676,502	:	PETITION DECISION
Filed: October 2, 2000	:	
Attorney Docket: 2761-0139P	:	

This is in response to applicants' "Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment" filed April 10, 2002.

On September 18, 2001, an Office Action was mailed, setting a three month shortened statutory period to reply. On April 30, 2002, a Notice of Abandonment for failure timely respond to the Office action mailed on September 18, 2001. On April 10, 2002, the present petition was filed. Petitioner asserts that the Office action dated September 18, 2001 was never received.

The file history has been carefully reviewed. Based on the statement and evidence provided, it is concluded that the Office Action was never received by the applicants. In view thereof, the petition is granted. The application has been returned to pending status and the office action dated September 18, 2001 is being remailed herewith. A shortened Statutory period for reply is set to expired Three Months from the mailing date of this letter.

Petition is **GRANTED**.

Should there be any questions regarding this decision, please contact Cecilia Tsang by mail addressed to Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-0254 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.

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